

*1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!*



## **1193<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

**7:00PM Saturday September 26, 2015  
Argonaut Hotel, Fisherman's Wharf**

**100th Anniversary Banquet**

**David McCarthy, Guest Speaker**

**The 2013 Saddle Ridge Gold Coin Hoard**

## *1192<sup>st</sup> meeting, August 26, 2015*

Jeff Shevlin presented his talk, So-Called Dollars Panama Pacific International Exposition - 1915.

The PPIE spawned a rich variety of so-called dollars starting with the official medal designed by Robert Aiken to medals struck to help underwrite state participation, the so-called state fund dollars.

State fund dollars included the aluminum Arkansas dollar-sized medal, the only aluminum so-called dollar struck for the exposition. Most of the other participating states struck their medals in bronze with rare silver-plated examples. Florida is the only state medal usually found silver-plated and rare in bronze. The North Carolina Exposition Fund so-called dollar is the key to the series.

Although not included among the state fund dollars, researchers have overlooked the fact that the so-called Baroque Shield dollar is actually the Nebraska state seal and should be included in the state series.

California itself is represented by several medals with a variation of the state seal showing the exposition grounds coupled with a ship passing through the canal or the Tower of Jewels.

Twenty-six basic varieties, not counting metal; finish; plating; or minor die varieties, would make a basic collection of PPIE so-called dollars. Several are rare, but the North Carolina fund dollar is the only truly elusive medal.

### ***Exhibits:***

Michael shared an unlisted bronze Midwinter so-called dollar and HK 641, the 1897 San Francisco City Hall so-called dollar.

Bob shared two medals with themes currently involved in national controversies. The first is the 1970 Stone Mountain Memorial national commemorative medal, currently a theme involved in controversies over the Confederate flag. The second was the 1963 Padre Junipero Serra national commemorative medal, currently in the news because of the controversial decision to canonize him during the Pope's visit to the U.S.

Federico shared a Panamanian numismatic book that includes coins and medals of the PPIE, a Nicaraguan medal, a New Mexico token with bad Spanish text, and an unidentified token from either Texas or Mexico.

Bill exhibited a rare vulcanite Pacific Ocean House saloon token from Santa Cruz and an unlisted so-called dollar promoting the proposed state of Absaroka.

**Raffle:**

Scott won an HK 352 Fighting Bob 1908 so-called dollar, an HK 246 California Midwinter so-called dollar, and an HK 623 Stockton Courthouse so-called dollar.

Ed won an HK 428 Panama California Uncle Sam so-called dollar.

John won an HK 252 Midwinter so-called dollar.

David won an HK 253 Midwinter so-called dollar.

Federico won an HK 340a San Francisco Earthquake silver-plated so-called dollar.

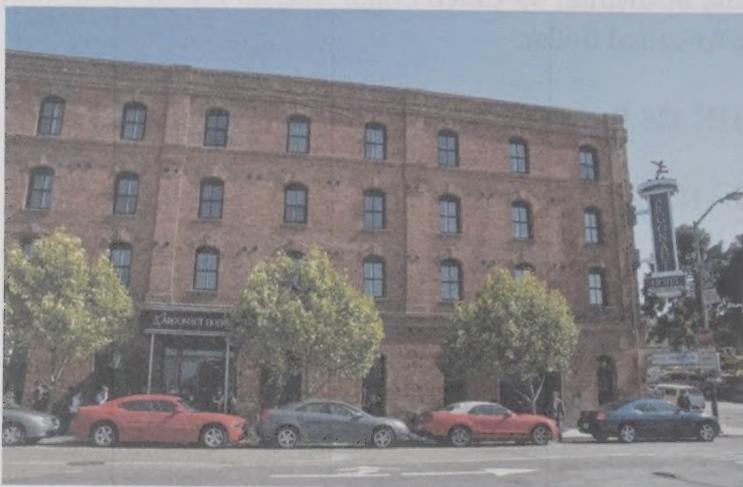


**2015 meeting Schedule:**

- October 28, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason
- November 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason
- December 23, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

## PCNS 100th Anniversary Banquet

Members should have made their reservations for our 100th Anniversary Banquet to be held September 26, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Argonaut Hotel at San Francisco's historic Fisherman's Wharf. The Argonaut is located directly opposite the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park's Hyde Park Pier in the old Haslett Warehouse built in 1907. They share their ground floor with the Maritime National Historic Park's Visitor's Center. One can almost imagine being back in the days of the Argonauts ready to make their way to the gold fields.



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